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(*d*) M.R.Ry. T. Janakirama Ayyar was the District Panchayat Officer when notice of this question was given.

(*e*) He has passed the old Lower Secondary Examination and completed the Matriculation course and has passed in the second class, the examination for draughtsmen held by the College of Engineering, Madras;

(*f*) Yes; the exemption was in force from the 24th September 1932 until the officer appointed by the Government relieved him.

(*g*) No; the exemption was granted on a consideration of the officer's long experience in the service of local boards as draughtsman, local fund overseer and officiating assistant engineer.

(*h*) The qualification originally prescribed was the minimum general educational qualification prescribed in Article I of the Public Service Notification and the Account Test. The general educational qualification has since been raised to the possession of a degree of any of the recognized universities.

Alleged maladministration of the Panchayat Board, Chennur, Cuddapah district.

* 572 *Q.*—Mr. T. Narasa Reddi: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received memorials from the people of the locality that the President, Panchayat Board, Chennur, assessed people heavily and arbitrarily to the profession taxes;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the members of the Panchayat Board and its President were asked to show cause why the Board should not be superseded for the maladministration of the affairs concerning Panchayat Board;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that Chinnamachupalli and Jangamreddipalli villages of Chennur Panchayat Board were recommended by the Collector and the President, District Board, Cuddapah, to be excluded from the panchayat limits as they derive no benefit from the Board;

(*d*) what action the Government have taken on the recommendations of the President, District Board, and the District Collector; and

(*e*) whether the Government are aware of the fact that there were instances of serious breaches of peace between the rival parties of the Panchayat Board and that the parties were bound over under security proceedings?

A.—(*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Government have ordered the exclusion of the villages from the limits of the panchayat with effect from 1st April 1934.

(*e*) No.